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TITLE: <b>APPOINTMENT SETTING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD</b>	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to action on this application, Applicant amends claim 4 to correct a typographical error and adds claims 6-18.

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

4. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

A computer useable medium have computer readable program code means embodied therein for controlling a system for securing an appointment with a healthcare provider, said computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable program code means for causing receiving a patient's static information and said patient's current information;

computer readable program code means for causing storing said patient's static information and said patient's current information in said database;

computer readable program code means for causing processing said patient's choice of an appointment time period;

computer readable program code means for facilitating an electronic transaction by said patient to secure said appointment; and

computer readable program code means for updating said healthcare provider's appointment schedule.

**Please add the following claims:**

6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said electronic transaction is an electronic payment made to an administrator.
7. The method of Claim 6 further comprising:  
said administrator transferring a portion of said payment to said healthcare provider.
8. The method of Claim 1 wherein said electronic transaction further comprises:  
an administrator verifying insurance coverage for said patient by an insurance provider.
9. The method of Claim 5, wherein said electronic transaction is an electronic payment made to an administrator and further comprising the step of:  
transferring a portion of said payment to said healthcare provider.
10. The method of Claim 5 further comprising the step of:  
verifying insurance coverage for said patient by an insurance provider.
11. A method for securing an appointment with a service provider comprising the steps of: